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1. (Secret - JGO) Messrs. [] met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, for lunch. Mr. Preston told us that the Chairman has designated Representatives Jamie L. Whitten (D., Miss.) and Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.) as members of the Special Subcommittee. The Chairman will continue the classified status of the Subcommittee and its membership during the coming year. Mr. Preston said the naming of Representative Whitten to the Subcommittee would have the effect of accelerating processes within the Subcommittee and that it would be well for the Director to be prepared to make a presentation on the new intelligence community structure and, if possible, to suggest the timing of followon meetings for the Subcommittee with the other components of the intelligence community who could themselves speak on the detail of their portion of the community budget. Mr. Preston noted, in passing, that Jim Frey, of OMB, has not yet forwarded the material he promised in the meeting regarding partial liquidation of the Radios. Mr. Preston said that the Radios will be a topic as well in our meeting. Unless question might be raised by Representative Whitten, Mr. Preston does not expect any consideration of the Agency budget in the forthcoming meeting of the Special Subcommittee. Mr. Preston's best estimate at this time is the last week of February for meeting with the Special Subcommittee.

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2. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Carl Blake, Administrative Assistant to Representative Donald Riegle (R., Mich.), who told me that Representative Riegle anticipates that he will be travelling later on to Indochina with Representative Passman (D., La.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, House Appropriations Committee, and would very much appreciate a briefing on Indochina for himself and Mr. Blake to update the information previously provided by the Agency. After checking with the Director and Mr. George Carver, SAVA, the meeting was scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, 2 February, at 3:00 p.m., here at Headquarters.

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3. (Confidential - GLC) J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to say he had been very impressed with the report on subversion in Africa which we left with David Martin, Subcommittee staff, and said he would like to see the Subcommittee publish it. He feels it would be necessary, however, to have a witness who is knowledgeable on the situation attest to the credibility of this report so that the Subcommittee could justify publishing it. Sourwine would like to have somebody from the Agency do this, but when I told him I thought this was out of the question he asked if we would have any suggestion as to some other credible individual who could serve this purpose. I told him I would check and call him back.

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5. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Mr. William Phillips, Staff Director of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, and told him that the initial refusal for access to information under the so-called Freedom of Information Law had been sustained on administrative appeal. This closes out Chairman Moorhead's new request for this information which was based on the Agency's response of 30 September 1971 to the questionnaire which he had sent to all Government agencies.

In response to my question, Phillips said they are having some problems in dealing with all the information they had received but that they intend to commence their hearings on 6 March which would probably result in recommending further legislation.

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25X1 6. (Secret - JMM) Accompanied the Director and Messrs. Duckett, Bruce Clarke, Carver and [] to a briefing of the full Senate Armed Services Committee. See Memo for Record.

25X1 7. (Confidential - JMM) During a break in the Armed Services briefing, Senator William Saxbe asked the Director about a recent crisis in Afganistan agriculture resulting from a prolonged drought. After checking with [] by phone, I explained the details of this situation to Senator Saxbe.

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